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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Examiner: J. Murphy
Klein et al.)
Serial No: 09/814,604) Group Art Unit: 1646
Filed: March 22, 2001)
For: METHODS OF DETECTING)
DISSOCIATED NUCLEAR)
HORMONE RECEPTOR LIGANDS)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
December 2, 2002, consideration of the following remarks is
respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 26 are pending, with the nuclear hormone
receptor species RAR and the coactivator species
TIF-2/GRIP-1/NCoA-2 and SRC-1/NCoA-1 presently under examination.

Regarding the Election of Species Requirement

Applicants note the indication that the Election of
Species requirement has been made final. Applicants respectfully
remind the Examiner that, in the event that a linking claim such
as generic claim 1 is found allowable, subject matter directed to